existing Tunga Anicut has been given protective utilization of 11.5 Thousand Million Cubic Foot (TMC). The utilization of 12.24 TMC envisaged under the proposed Upper Tunga Project is an addition to the utilization of 11.5 TMC under Tunga Anicut based on the allocation made by the Government of Karnataka and in consistence with various provisions of KWDT Report. Andhra Pradesh was given liberty to use in any water year, the remaining water that may be flowing in the year without acquiring any prescriptive rights and Karnataka and Maharashtra were allowed to use only their allocated share and return flows available from their projects by the KWDT.

Clearance to irrigation projects in Assam

1494. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects of Assam awaiting clearance from Government; and

(b) the details of projects proposed to be formulated and implemented in the State during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No new major and medium Irrigation Project of Assam is pending for clearance in the Central Water Commission. Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are investigated, planned, executed and funded by the State Governments themselves as per their own priorities.

Clearance to Dayadhula lift irrigation scheme on Godavari

1495. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in clearance of the pending irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) by when Dayadhula lift irrigation scheme on Godavari river will be cleared; and

(c) the action taken to expedite clearance of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The reasons for delay in clerarance of pending irrigation projects are non-compliance of the observations of Central Appraising Agencies.

(b) The detailed Project Report of Dayadhula Lift Irrigation Scheme on Godavari has not been received in Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal.

(c) The clearance of projects depends on the promptness with which the State Government complies with the observation of Central Appraising Agencies.

Clearance to Pending Irrigation Projects in Orissa

1496. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects pending for implementation in orissa as on date;

(b) the details of these irrigation projects;

(c) the irrigation potentials of each of these projects:

(d) whether any of these projects are being executed during 2002-03; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (e) There are two major projects of Tenth five year plan in Orissa namely Sason Canal System and Kanupur Irrigation Project envisaging irrigation potential of 16,282 hectare and 29,578 hectare respectively for which investment clearance has been accorded by the Planning Commission and are programmed to be taken up during 2002-03.

Water conservation scheme for U.P.

1497. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new techniques for water conservation are being developed and tested in laboratory keeping in mind the environmental feasibility of all dry States; and

(b) if so, the details of such techniques which are under process especially for Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No